

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/664,094
Attorney Docket No. Q60884

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been examined. Claims 10-12 are added. Therefore, claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the productive personal interview conducted at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 9, 2003 and the telephonic interview of August 7, 2003. An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was mailed by the Examiner on July 11, 2003.

The following remarks include Applicant's statement of the substance of the personal interview conducted on July 9, 2003 and the telephonic interview conducted on August 7, 2003, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133 and MPEP § 713.04.

During the July 9, 2003 personal interview, Applicant's representative presented a proposed amendment of claim 9 to overcome the rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Examiner agreed that the proposed amendment to claim 9 may overcome this rejection. Applicant submits that the amendment to claim 9 submitted herewith is consistent with the amendment discussed in the interview.

Additionally, Applicant's representative discussed the present invention and claims 1-9. In particular, the additional features recited in claims 3, 4, 6, and 7 were discussed. Further, Applicant's representative discussed the applied references, Steensma (U.S. Patent No. 3,925,740), Pozar (U.S. Patent No. 5,793,263), Davidovitz (U.S. Patent No. 5,539,361), and Napoli (U.S. Patent No. 3,659,228), and compared the applied references to the claims of the present invention.

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In the Interview, the Examiner agreed that the feature of “another signal line disposed close to the signal line and on an opposite side of said ground plate”, as recited in dependent claims 3, 4, 6, and 7, respectively, is not disclosed or suggested by either Steensma, Pozar, Davidovitz, or Napoli.

Applicant amends independent claims 1, 2, and 5 to recite the feature “another signal line disposed close to the signal line and on an opposite side of said ground plate”, and amends dependent claims 3, 4, 6, and 7, accordingly. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections of claims 1-9 and to permit these claims to pass to allowance.

Additionally, Applicant makes minor amendments to the claims to provide proper antecedent basis.

Further, during the August 7, 2003 telephonic interview, Applicant’s representative discussed new claims 10-12. Applicant adds new claims 10-12 to define more thoroughly the features of the present invention. In the interview, the Examiner indicated that the new claims would be considered upon the filing of Applicant’s response to the present non-final Office Action. Applicant submits that new claims 10-12 are supported at least by pages 7-11 and Figures 1-3 and 7 of the original disclosure. Applicant submits that new claims 10-12 also are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same.

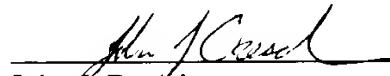
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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